

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Claims 1-9 have been withdrawn without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

*Examiner has requested that Applicant elects a single species, which Applicant has done in this Amendment. Applicant elects Claims 10-17 that read on Species B.*

In view of the amendments and reasons provided above, it is believed that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early allowance of all pending claims.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's attorney of record, Michael B. Lasky at (952) 253-4106.

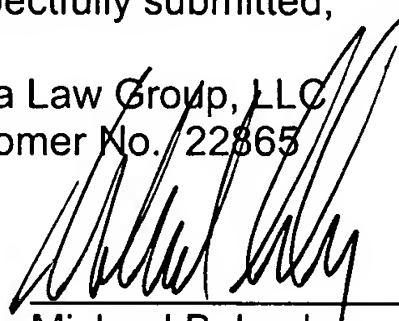
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